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TAGS: EAID, ELTN, JA, LA, UNDP, SW, CU

SUBJECT: HUMPHREY-HUNG

REF: STATE 049331

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VIENTIANE  
0462 (MARCH 8, 1977.)

2. BEGIN TEXT:

1. A SENIOR UNDP OFFICIAL IN VIENTIANE WHO EXPECTS TO  
OPEN UNDP OFFICES IN HANOI NEXT MONTH TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 4  
THAT ORIGINALLY THE UNDP HAD OFFERED AID TO THE SRV IN THE  
FORM OF NON-COVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WHICH IT HAD RECEIVED AS  
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BUT HAD HAD  
DIFFICULTY UTILIZING. "WE THOUGHT THAT SINCE THE SRV AND  
THE SOVIETS WERE BROTHER COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS THE  
VIETNAMESE MIGH; TAKE OUR AID IN RUBLES TO BUY SOVIET  
TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT. NOTHING DOING.THE VIETNAMESE TOLD  
US IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THEY PREFERRED US, JAPANESE  
AND OTHER WESTERN MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT AND WANTED HARD  
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CURRENCY."

2. JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN REPRESENTING HINO INC. VISITING  
THE LPDR TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 7 THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
PROVIDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO THE SRV TO PURCHASE ABOUT  
TWENTY HINO TRUCKS AND ANOTHER SIXTY OR SEVENTY HEAVY  
DUTY TRUCKS FROM A DIFFERENT JAPANESE COMPANY DURING THE

1975-76 FISCAL YEAR.

3. HINO BUSINESSMAN ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS COUNTRY  
HAD SOLD THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
TWENTY FIVE TON HINO TRUCKS AND HOPED TO SELL ANOTHER  
300 TO SIDA AND THE JAPANESE AID AGENCY FOR THEM TO GIVE  
TO THE LPDR. END TEXT.

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